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# The Spirit Of The People

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- INT: Two of mankind's most famous human habits are:  
 BUCK-PASSING and CREDIT-STEALING.  
 1. Shift the blame for wrongs or failures.  
 2. Take credit for good/& successful work.

I. ADAM AND EVE STARTED THE HUMAN RACE OFF.

- A. Formulae for sin: Jas. 1:15. Lust, sin, death.  
 B. Truth: No sin without law. Rom. 3:20.  
 C. Both laws at work in first family's fall.  
 1. Given law. Bounds. Gen. 2:16-17.  
 2. Both broke law. 3;6. Good, pleasant, wise.  
 3. Both shifted blame. 2:12-13. WEAK SPIRIT.  
 4. Both punished a penalty. 3:16. 17-19.  
 D. Problem: Spirit of unconcern for God's Word.

II. CAIN FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS PARENTS.

- A. Had law. Broke it. 4:8. Lust, sin & death.  
 B. Sought to shift the blame. 4:9. Rejected!!  
 C. Suffered severe penalty of sinner. 4:12.  
 D. PROBLEM: Spirit of unconcern for God's Word.

III. AARON & ISRAEL BUILT A GOLDEN CALF. Ex. 32.

- A. Had a law. 32:8. Lust, sin and death.  
 B. Leader & people both involved. 32:1-4.  
 Note: Aaron COULD HAVE refused, but didn't.  
 C. Moses challenged Aaron. 21-24. Softpeddled.  
 D. 3,000 died for their leadership. 27-28.  
 E. PROBLEM: Spirit of unconcern of God's Will.

IV. SAUL SHIFTS THE BLAME TO THE PEOPLE. I Sam. 15.

- A. No sin without the law. v. 2-3. Had word.  
 B. Saul or people break the law? 7-9.  
 C. Samuel charged Saul. 13-14. Saul said PEOPLE  
 D. Challenged again. 19-21. Same ans.!!! —15  
 E. Finally Saul confessed. v. 24-25.  
 F. PROBLEM: Spirit change. V. 17 & 23.

NOTE: Takes combination: Strong leader, great people.

V. NEHEMIAH'S SUCCESS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE.

- Ne h. A. 1:1-4. Prophet saddened-state of Jerusalem.  
 B. King Artaxerxes sends him to Jer. 5,13,17-18  
 C. ENEMIES tried to stop the work: Horonites,  
 Ammonites, Arabians & Ashdodites.  
 D. Prophet & Israel prayed. 4:4-6. Succeeded!  
 E. WALLS: to keep out idolatry, mixed marriages  
 Sabbath violations etc.  
 F. SUCCESS: came through happy combinations.  
 G. CHURCH: needs strong elders and great member

INV. III. Great China Wall was impregnable.  
Never penetrated by enemy. Were  
violated 3 times. The People! Bri be

III. Not the leaders!!!  
French Maginot Line impregnable too.  
Useless. No Spirit of the people to  
defend it. Neither leaders nor people.

GREATEST JOY IN WORLD TO BE A CHRISTIAN!  
Learn the truth. John 8:31-32.  
Live the truth. Strength in truth.  
Teach the truth. Share our blessings.

TRUTH MAKES STRONG CHURCHES.

TRUTH KEEPS ELERS STRONG.

TRUTH MAKES STRONG LIVES FOR MEM.

LORD'S INVITATION is to prove your  
love and faith by obed. to gospel.

B-C-R-B.

R-P.